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coded data stored in the smart card are input into a memory for intermediate storage and for display of the information obtained from said data,

said given information is compared with the coded data corresponding to one or more programs for keeping a user loyal to several merchants, and

the results of these comparisons are processed in order to display updated information.

Remarks

Applicants have cancelled claim 1, and added new claims corresponding to the original claims in the priority document. Applicants have amended the claims from the priority document to conform with U.S. practice by reformatting the claims, removing figure references from the claims, and removing multiple dependent claims. Applicants have also substituted the term "merchant" for the term "trader" throughout the claims to improve readability. The amended claims are presented herein as new claims 14-26. Applicants have now deleted all of the original claims 1-13.

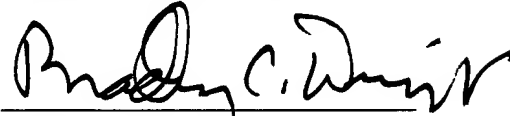
Applicants have also amended the specification to reflect the claim for priority to PCT/FR01/00194, filed January 19, 2001, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in French, and Application No. 00/00684 filed in France on January 20, 2000.

Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with this submission. Should the Commissioner find that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee, except the issue fee, to Deposit Account 19-0733.

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If there are any questions the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 508-9160.

Respectfully submitted,

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